

# David to the Philistines

1 Samuel 27:1-5

**1 Sam 27:1** *What is best thing I can do to protect myself?*

*I will escape ...*

**1 Sam 27:2** Introduction to 16 months of disobedience

One compromise leads to another.

One wrong decision leads to another

***I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: ...no hope for me. I will be done in.***

**Step one:** I will pursue man's point of view.

Man-centered reasoning.

***And Saul shall despair of me ...***

He will quit trying to catch me.

**Step two:** I will run from my problems

Luke 9:62

Leave my land and my responsibilities

James 1:2-4

Michael Dorris. Leadership, Vol. 16, no. 4. *Being positive is part of being a hero--maybe the hardest part, because if you are a hero you're smart enough to know all the reasons why you should be discouraged.*

1 Pet 1:6-7

The Hidden Price of Greatness, Ray Besson and Ranelda Mack Hunsicker  
.... *When Gladys and the orphans made it through, they proved once again that no matter how inadequate we feel, God is still God, and we can trust in him.* -- Jonathan G. Yandell.

**Step Three:** I Will Make My Own Decisions.

I will go to the world.

David tired of running.

No more pressure.

Robert Roe: *These were very normal, natural desires. In themselves there was nothing wrong with them, but he needed to get back to Judah, out of Moab, where he could learn that God would be his shield; that God would be his "exceeding great reward" as God had told Abraham. .... David was just plain tired of going through the process of what God calls "boot camp," being honed, chafed, molded, "disciplined" in Hebrews 12, into the image and likeness of God, into a man after God's own heart. He wanted out. So, he said to himself, "I think I'll escape over into the territory of the Philistines."*

David goes to the world for his protection Prov 13:20 2 Cor 6:14-18

Swindoll: *David, at this point in his life, is a clear illustration of a man who is a believer on the inside, but on the outside he looks just like a nonbeliever because of the way he's living his life.*

*Psychologist Rollo May has said, 'Man is the only animal that runs faster when he has lost his way.' Isn't it remarkable how when we lose our way, we move quickly in the wrong direction and play into the adversary's hand? That's exactly what David did.'*

**1 Sam 27:3** David allows men and families to be exposed to heathenism of Philistines.

Willing to do anything, right or wrong, to save neck.

When make decisions others always impacted.

**1 Sam 27:4** Just because pressure is off doesn't mean God is pleased

Roe: *David feels excellent at this point. He is in Maui, on the beach, in the .... You cannot be satisfied with the status quo when you are heading down into sin..*

Powell: *He had become a self-centered, dissatisfied backslider.*

So far into a crisis that loses all rational?

David lost sight of God's presence and promises. He got to the place where he felt all alone. No one cares—not even God

Psa 10:1 Psa 13:1-2 Psa 22:1

Swindoll: *David's self-pity was rooted in logic. After all, he had turned the other cheek. He had gone the extra mile. He had just spared his archenemy, the king of Israel. Had he not been loyal and faithful both to his king on earth and to his King in heaven? Why weren't things going better?"*

False sense of security.

Typical of person who gets out of will of God.

**1 Sam 27:5** David submits to adversaries cause.

Becomes a servant to the unrighteous.

## **So What?**

Step one: I will pursue man's point of view.

Step two: I will run from my problems

Step Three: I Will Make My Own Decisions.